

REPUBLICANS STAND WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR A BALANCED BUDGET AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT

(Mr. PAXON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAXON. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have tried to make an election in California a referendum on our Republican agenda of a balanced budget and limited government.

Their tactic was simple.

Offer a campaign of obstruction—devoid of ideas.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to report they failed miserably.

And they failed in a district that's been held by their party for 20 years.

There were two winners in yesterday's election:

Obviously Tom Campbell, but equally important, the American people. They won because we proved that you cannot win an election by screaming about what you are against—you must proclaim what you are for.

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, we won yesterday and we've been winning all year.

We started the 104th Congress with 230 Republicans. We now have 236.

We have five new Republicans—who like millions of Americans, left the Democrats because they have no ideas and no hope for the future.

We are going to continue to win Mr. Speaker, adding 20 to 30 seats to our majority because we stand with the American people for a balanced budget and limited Government while Democrats have no ideas and stand for nothing.

ANOTHER CLINTON FOREIGN POLICY MISTAKE AND TRAGEDY

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, last night I heard our Ambassador to the United Nations tell Americans that there is a "moral imperative" to send our soldiers into Bosnia. All I can say to the Ambassador is, your administration displays mighty selective morality.

The same officials who are now beating the war drums in Bosnia saw no such moral imperative in Kuwait, Panama, Cambodia, and Vietnam. In the last two cases millions died in wars which make Bosnia's troubles look like a picnic. Mrs. Albright, Bill Clinton, and Strobe Talbot were silent in seven languages when Vietnamese Communists forced their entire ethnic Chinese population into the sea. You heard not one word from them when Moscow and Beijing locked tens of millions away in the gulag. So their words today are hollow.

Mark it down, Christmastime 1995: the beginning of another Clinton foreign

policy mistake and tragedy. I stand with the people in opposition to ground troops being in Bosnia.

EPA SECRETARY O'LEARY, A "MATERIAL GIRL"

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, the President has a "Material Girl" in his Cabinet. Secretary O'Leary has leased the very same plane that Madonna used for a trip to South Africa. She took 51 of her staff and she took 68 guests, and they all got in first class and flew down to South Africa at a cost to the taxpayers of \$560,000.

Vice President GORE tried to defend this terrible waste of taxpayers' money by saying she is creating all these jobs in America and that there are lots of contracts being written. The truth is there are only signed letters of intent; no jobs, no contracts. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

The Department of Energy has terrible mismanagement. Vice President GORE himself, in the National Performance Review, says the environmental management is 40 percent inefficient and it is going to cost taxpayers \$70 billion over the next 30 years. We need to do something about this. It is time to turn the lights out at the Department of Energy and it is time for Secretary O'Leary to resign.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM CAMPBELL AND THE NEW MAJORITY

(Mr. BAKER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, what a beautiful day it is, because in California last night, despite 9 inches of rain, we had another Republican victory. I just want to congratulate Tom Campbell for his tremendous victory by over 23 points in an election that was supposed to be a Democrat victory, but was, instead, a victory for the new order here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, the victory was the American people saying, "We want to go back to the basics. We don't want," in Ben Franklin's words, in George Washington's words, "any more foreign entanglements." That means, Mr. President, get out of Bosnia. We do not want a government that continues to spend beyond its means. The American people in the 15th Congressional District in California said, "Balance the Federal budget."

Mr. Speaker, the elderly are not stingy in California. They want the Medicare system to be preserved and protected, not only for themselves but for future generations. Pass the Medicare reform, pass the free market reforms, not more government control and constraint. The American people in

California are well ahead of us. Congratulations, Mr. Tom Campbell. Congratulations, new majority.

UPCOMING DEMOCRAT RETIREMENTS?

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I anticipate a number of Democrat retirements because of Haley Barbour's offer. The offer, as Members of the House know, is for \$1 million for any member of the public, including Members of the Democrat Party, who can prove that Republicans, in fact, do cut Medicare.

What is so interesting about this, Mr. Speaker, is that just about every Democrat we have heard this year says Republicans are going to cut Medicare. Since they have an outside income limitation, they will all have to retire to get their \$1 million check. I do not think that is what Mr. Barbour intended, but it could be a very nice consequence of this generous offer.

I am confident that Democrat Members will be just flocking over to the NRCC today to meet with Mr. Barbour and collect their \$1 million, because time after time from this well right here, Mr. Speaker they have told the American people, including their own mothers and fathers, that Republicans are cutting Medicare. Well, now it is time to put their money where their mouth is and go get their \$1 million, Democrats. In case they cannot get it, we will continue to try to get them to help us on Medicare reform, because we need to preserve and protect it, instead of demagoguing it.

THE OUTCOME OF CALIFORNIA'S 15TH DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the voters of California for looking behind the outrageous smear campaign run by the Democrats for California's 15th District special election. My colleagues across the aisle are in desperate straits these days and they, unfortunately, have resorted to desperate tactics. Nevertheless, California voters yesterday cast a strong vote for fiscal responsibility, for straight talk on the problems our country faces, and for a new vision.

Make no mistake, Tom Campbell won on the issues. His impressive victory reaffirms my belief that the big truth beats the big lie any day of the week, especially on election day. I would like to welcome Tom as the 236th member of the Republican Conference. I look forward to working with him to truly address the concerns of all Americans.

CALIFORNIANS SEE THE TRUTH ABOUT REPUBLICAN REFORMS

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, where are our friends this morning from the other side of the aisle? Where is the celebrating that they expected to be taking place? It was not 6 weeks ago that the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FROST], said, "And we will, we do, expect to win in California." Did they have a bad day yesterday? Did they have a bad night? Was it a bad week? Has it been a bad year? Is it going to be a bad decade? I think it is, because the American people have spoken.

Maybe the media will wake up. Maybe the media will tell the truth. Twenty-three points, was that close? Is that a close election? Twenty-three points in what was supposedly going to be a Democratic victory. Why is it? Because the American people are too smart to be demagogued on this stuff. They are too smart to believe the pack of half-truths and distortions and untruths that are being fed to them. They will not buy it. They will not stand for it. They have spoken. Today we have something very great to celebrate in California.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS IN BOSNIA

(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I came here to talk about Bosnia, but in response to my friend let me remind him that one election does not necessarily a majority make.

I congratulate the Republicans for their victory, but there are going to be some more, and in Florida we are going to have one evermore big-time fight. The question keeps being asked around here, what is the United States stake in Bosnia and why does the United States participation make a difference.

Let me answer through the words of Adm. Snuffy Smith. "The question is about United States leadership in the world," he said. "If we don't go in, our credibility goes to rock bottom. The next time when vital United States interests are engaged, are our allies and friends going to be with us? Probably not. If we don't go in there, there will be more killing, the war can spread. Do not underestimate the volatility of the Balkans."

This gentleman is the commander in charge of our troops. Our troops are ready and well-trained. Let us support the United States troops that are being deployed to Bosnia.

FRIVOLOUS CHARGES CLOUD DEBATE ON REAL ISSUES

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, let me first of all congratulate my colleague Tom Campbell from California for his stunning victory in California. He and I came in together in 1988 and I am just very pleased to have him return here to Congress.

Former Speaker Sam Rayburn quipped, "A jackass can kick a barn down, but it takes a carpenter to build one."

Well, the truth of Mr. Rayburn's words has never been more apparent as it is today. The donkeys are kicking at the barn doors, but we have a carpenter trying to work, trying to build a better form of government, and that carpenter is NEWT GINGRICH, our Speaker.

Despite all their efforts to the contrary, they are trying to offer these frivolous charges. Instead of working on the difficult issues ahead, they trump up another bogus ethics charge against the Speaker.

They, in fact, have fabricated a total of 65 charges against the Speaker. All but one of these charges have been dismissed. The remaining charge simply pertains to a technical section of the IRS code. In time it will be resolved.

The Democrats' attempt in the Campbell election to demonize the Speaker has not worked. I call on all our Members to welcome Tom Campbell again in to our fold.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET CUTS HEALTH CARE TO PAY FOR TAX BREAKS TO WELL OFF

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, one only has to examine the priorities in the Gingrich budget to understand for whom the Republican Party stands. The \$500 billion in corporate welfare is going untouched while seniors, pregnant women, and the disabled are expected to absorb \$433 billion in health care cuts.

And yes, these are health care cuts because Medicare and Medicaid spending will not keep pace with medical inflation. When you consider that Medicare and Medicaid care for the oldest and sickest people in our society, any reductions that do not keep pace with medical inflation are cuts, plain and simple.

So now, Mr. Haley Barbour, please send your million dollars to Grady Hospital in Atlanta, with an explanation that the Gingrich budget does not cut Medicare and Medicaid to pay for tax breaks to the well off.

DISPOSING OF SENATE AMENDMENT 115 TO H.R. 1868, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 296 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 296

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment numbered 115 thereto, and to consider in the House the motion printed in section 2 of this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. All points of order against the motion are waived. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on that motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

SEC. 2. The motion to dispose of the amendment of the Senate numbered 115 is as follows:

Mr. Callahan (or his designee) moves that the House recede from its amendment to the amendment of the Senate numbered 115, and concur therein with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert:

"Authorization of Population Planning
"SEC. 518A. Section 526 of this Act shall not apply to funds made available in this Act for population planning activities or other population assistance pursuant to section 104(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act or any other provision of law, or to funds made available in title IV of this Act as a contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for a motion—to be offered by Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman CALLAHAN or his designee—to dispose of the remaining amendment in disagreement to the conference report on H.R. 1868. This is a straightforward and fair rule, providing for an hour of debate and an up-or-down vote on the motion. As you recall, the House passed the Foreign Operations conference report on October 31. This legislation makes tremendous improvements in the way we allocate our limited tax dollars to overseas interests. H.R. 1868 significantly reduces